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Columbus Division of Police Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Date: UPDATE: March 17, 2020

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide Date: March 13, 2020 Time: 8:59 am Location of Offense/Incident: 1422 Phale D. Hale Dr. #C Zone: 5 Precinct: 7 Incident Report #: 200199573 **Cruiser District: 71 Victim: BEST, MARIA INEZ** Sex: F Race: B Age: 23 Victim: Sex: Race: Age: Victim: Sex: Race: Age: Suspect: UNKNOWN Address: Arrested ☐ Warrant on File Sex: Race: Age: Charges: Suspect: Address: ☐ Arrested **☐** Warrant on File Sex: Race: Age: Charges: Incident Summary: On the above listed date and time, Patrol officers responded on a stabbing. A neighbor of the victim's called in and stated that he had found the victim. The victim was pronounced deceased at 9:05 a.m. by CFD Medic #8. Next of kin has not yet been notified. The Lead investigator is Det. Eric Wooten. This is the 22nd Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2020. Anyone with any information in regards to this incident is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at 614-645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS (8477). UPDATE: The victim was positively identified as stated above. **⊠** Executive Staff **⊠** Bureau Commander Copy To: Name
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